YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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THIS PRIVILEGED HOUR...

by Father King

When I think of the many great priests that have experienced the loyalty and dedication that enriched the friendship and service extended to them by Marie Stachlewitz, I feel quite humbled as I attempt to convey my own feelings at this wonderful moment in her life. Fifty years of dedicated and, I might say, varied, service speaks quite eloquently all by itself.

It bespeaks, first of all, of a total commitment. It would be such cruel misunderstanding to talk of simply working at the same 'job'; because we are speaking of the Church---and the Church is the spouse of Christ, the Body of Christ. This has a sublimity and dignity; it also has a stark reality of humanness that makes many demands, sees many crises, experiences many vicissitudes--all presenting their own little kinds of challenges.

It bespeaks of a certain priestliness in understanding and depth of compassion. Marie has been the expression and communication of these qualities as her voice has answered the phone or the doorbell; as her smile and soft words have provided perhaps the initial acquaintance of an unfamiliar caller at the rectory.

If there is a quality that stands out in my mind at this time that I believe every priest would confirm, it would be generosity. Without complaining or concern for personal plans, whatever is requested--no matter how inconvenient or unexpected--(I am sure this is true especially of recent years--) Marie is ready to pitch in and the amazing thing is that she gets it done. It may take until midnight--and there are times the midnight oil burnt beyond that time--but it would get done. More often than not, a day off meant simply a day off in another direction--- and to another job,--usually for another priest.

The wonderful response of the priests to the invitation is testimony of their high regard; the notes of regret of those who cannot attend speak even more eloquently.

We are proud and happy for Marie this day. Unhappily, a death in the family calls me away at this time--so I must add my regrets also. But, my prayers and best wishes will be present in a very special way. May God continue to bless her with many years of good health and happiness so that she may enjoy many more years in our presence--but, we hope, with a more relaxed style of life.

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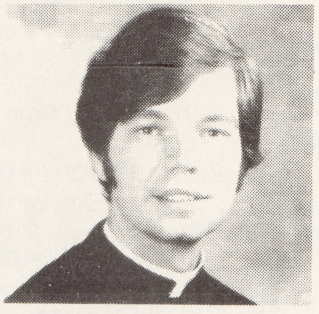

FATHER GARY JACOBS

The ordination of Reverend Gary A. Jacobs to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ was conferred by The Most Reverend Charles A. Salatka, D.D., Bishop of Marquette on September 18, 1971 in the Church of SS. Mary and Joseph in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Those of us present were impressed by the chosen theme of Witness and Servant as each reading led us to the moment of calling when Gary stepped forward with the words, "I am ready and willing". The Bishop formally chose the candidate and awaited the response of the community to ratify his choice. This was readily forthcoming from his friends and the parish of his hometown as the church resounded with applauds. The Bishop then questioned Gary concerning his willingness to serve as a Priest, his dedication, and his Faith, following which he knelt before the Bishop, placed his hands between those of the Bishop, and promised obedience and respect to him and his successors. The moment for which this young man studied and prepared himself for 12 years became a reality as the Bishop placed his hands on the head of the candidate, the action which constitutes the ordination. He was received into the fellowship of priests by those present who in turn placed their hands upon the candidate. After the prayer of Consecration and the investiture with the Chasuble and Stole of his office as Priest, the newly ordained, Father Jacobs, helped with the concelebration.

One could say that the rest of the Mass proceeded as usual, but for those of us who knew Gary personally, the Mass took on a whole new dimension, because someone had lived and worked closely with the people and students of St. John's was now the ordained minister, giving more of himself to us than ever before. And so the Mass was awesome in this awareness and brought great joy to his family and friends.

Both Father Harvey and Father Clark were present at the ceremony to help in the concelebration of the Ordination and the First Mass which took place the following day in Escanaba, Michigan where Gary had served as a Deacon for a year and to which he has now been assigned as priest. Sister Carol

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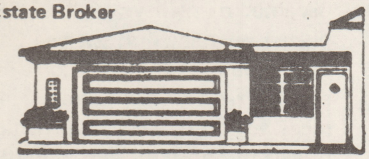

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Denise was likewise present for both ceremonies and managed to sing in the parish choir for the First Mass so she would be close to the altar as this is the usual place their choir occupies. Mike Cowhy, James Dupuis, Kathy Fromm and Cherill Herbert made the long trip to Iron Mountain for the Ordination Ceremony, as a tribute to the man who had spent long hours teaching and counseling them in their Senior year. This, more than the presence of sister or priest, shows us that the dedication and example of the seminarians in our presence has left a definite and inspiring presence in our lives. In the name of the people and students of our parish, we six wished Gary every success in his ministry, which is no longer new because his life has been one of service, but which now becomes more intense both for him and the people whom he will serve.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Pre-School classes begin TODAY, Sunday, September 26th, 9:00 to 10:00.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM A

Monday, Sept. 27 – Grades 1 and 2

Tuesday, Sept. 28 – Grades 3 and 4

Wednesday, Sept. 29 – Grades 5 and 6

Thursday, Sept. 30 – Grades 7 and 8

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM B

Wednesday, Sept. 29 – 4:15 to 5:15

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sunday, October 3

Youth Mass – 7:00

Instruction – 8:00

NATIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are asking for volunteers for our work at Ann Arbor Veteran's Hospital. We would like someone for each day or night of the week. Perhaps in connection with the Service Commissions in each parish, we could find volunteers for the calling for help for our coffee hours which are held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the auditorium of the hospital or might find someone willing to donate money to help with our work. For more information concerning time or money donations, contact either of the following who represent NCCS:

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Parish Christmas Cards will be available today after all the Masses. As announced, the price will be $2.50 per box of 22 cards.

SING!!!!!

A celebration is a joyful and festive way of emphasizing and highlighting an aspect of our lives which we consider to be of great value. For the Christian who truly believes that Christ lives in the Church, the value of this gift calls forth a need for expression. We make this expression in a unique and symbolic way in the Liturgy, offering our praise and thanksgiving as members of one living Christ.

Each member has his own special and particular gifts to add to the whole. For those whose special gift or desire of expression is best offered in song, we would like to offer an opportunity to work together as a choir group for the enhancement of the Liturgy. If you enjoy singing please attend the first choir meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 30. The meeting is scheduled from 6:45 to 7:55 so that the remainder of the evening will be free. If you would like to sing with the group, but are unable to come at this time, please contact Sister Mary at the convent.

CHOIR PRACTICE
6:45 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 30

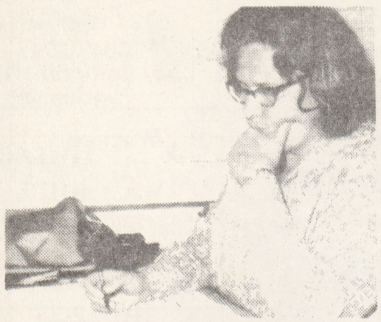
LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 2, 1971
7:00 p.m. ..... J. Baker
SUNDAY, October 3, 1971
7:00 a.m. ..... L. Sanford
9:00 a.m. ..... R. Martinez
11:00 a.m. ..... W. Anhut, Sr.
7:00 p.m. ..... G. Short

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday, September 19, 1971
Sunday Offertory $2,678.00

A NEW EDITOR



This seems to be the season for newspapers changing hands. Our city newspaper has been sold to a new firm and our own YPSILANTI CATHOLIC has a new editor. Sister Carol Denise will now compile and edit our parish weekly communique. Sister was faculty moderator of WITNESS, St. John's High School Yearbook, and THE GRAPEVINE, the school newspaper.

Since June, 1968, the parish paper was one of my responsibilities. More than once, I have visited our local postoffice in the wee hours of the morning to mail the copy in order to meet the publication deadline. With a realigning of priorities and responsibilities stemming from our team workshop last week, Sister Carol Denise has assumed editorship.

Since much of the material for publication is submitted by a variety of individuals, we only remind you that all bulletin material must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

We again encourage your contributions. Letters to the editor have never really flooded the editor's office. Yet they are most appreciated by many parishioners and provide a good medium for thoughtful exchange.

Thanks to the many persons who have assisted with the paper in the past and a special thanks to Sister Carol for her willingness to assume this time consuming but rewarding task.

Father Harvey

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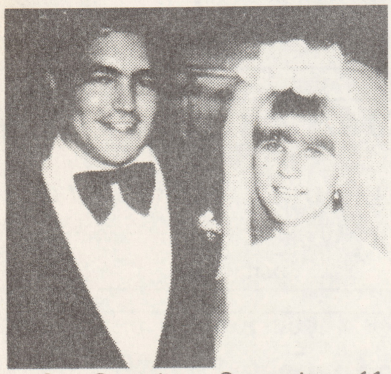

On Saturday, September 11, Mary Lynn Kramer and Ronald Schwartzenberger were united in the Sacrament of Holy Marriage. The Reverend Mr. Terrence Kerner, a cousin of the bride and a Deacon at Presentation Church in Detroit preached the wedding homily and officiated at the marriage ceremony which took place during the Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

The bride and groom were presented for marriage by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Effiner Kramer of 757 Mildred St. and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schwartzenberger, 1385 Holmes Road.

Mr. and Mrs. David Remily of Dearborn were the couple's main attendants. Mr. Rick Kramer, a nephew of the bride, served as the Commentator and Lector of the Mass. Sister Carol Schlarman was the soloist and guitarist while Miss Marie Stachlewitz was organist for the Wedding Mass.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, September 27, 1971
7:00 am Mary Alma Barry, req. by Mrs. Edw. McGlynn

TUESDAY, September 28, 1971
7:00 am Father William P. Mooney, 10th Anniv., req. by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. O'Dea

WEDNESDAY, September 29, 1971
7:00 am Mrs. Trudeau, req. by Sister Jacqueline

THURSDAY, September 30, 1971
7:00 am Harold Block, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Daschner

FRIDAY, October 1, 1971
7:00 am Leo Hewitt, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinkule and Eileen

SATURDAY, October 2, 1971
9:00 am Joseph Hutting, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
7:00 pm Terrence Kerner, Birthday - req. by His Father and Mother

SUNDAY, October 3, 1971
7:00 am Bridget and Edward Kelly, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
9:00 am Intention of Marie Stachlewitz, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. O'Dea
11:00 am John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by The Joe Nanry Family

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Tom Geiner and Paul Buchard
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WEEK OF OCTOBER 3
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Danny Gefre and Bill Wagner
Thurs., Fri., Sat.
David Dupuis and Tom Anhut
Saturday, October 2
Naz Sesi and Rick Eberts
Sunday, October 3
7:00 am Scott Phetteplace and Mike Cicrelli
9:00 am Mike and Frank Williams
11:00 am David Leik and Pat Heck
7:00 pm Mike Wideman and Luke Hones

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 2, 1971
7:00 p.m. . . . . T. Birdsall
SUNDAY, October 3, 1971
7:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wagner
9:00 a.m. . . . . J. Smallish
11:00 a.m. . . . . W. Anhut, Jr.
7:00 p.m. . . . . N. Pavlovich

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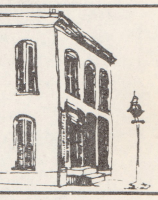

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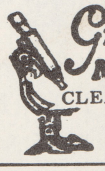
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